

**MEETING TITLE: Inclusive Child Care Subcommittee****DATE: April 12, 2002****ATTENDEES:**

Agda Burchard, Washington Association for the Education of Young Children  
 Sherrie Cowan, Child Care Resource & Referral, Kitsap County  
 Sharon Doyle, Human Services Policy Center, Evans School of Public Affairs, UW  
 Laura Giddings, Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network  
 Tory Clarke Henderson, Developmental Disabilities Council  
 Heather Kawamoto, Kinderling Center  
 Michelle Kuwasaki, Washington Association for the Education of Young Children  
 Garrison Kurtz, Foundation for Early Learning  
 Debbie Lee, Child & Adolescent Health, Department of Health  
 Janet Matkin, Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network  
 Linda Thomas, Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network  
 Nancy Vernon, Division of Child Care and Early Learning, DSHS – Olympia

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<b>New from WAEYC</b>	<p>Michelle announced that the WACEY conference would be October 17-19, 2002 in Yakima. She brought handouts, including the call for presenters. See WAEYC's website <a href="http://www.waeyc.org">www.waeyc.org</a> for more information.</p> <p>Agda updated us on the Preschool Inclusion Grant. 30 people from all parts of the state, and various ethnic backgrounds, were trained to be Inclusion Facilitators. They included parents, and people from child care, Head Start, ECEAP, and child care resource and referral programs. They received training from Greg Abel on Facilitation and Ilene Schwartz on Inclusion. If there is continued funding, these Facilitators will provide training beginning in September.</p> <p>Agda shared a new book with us: <u>Building Blocks for Teaching Preschoolers with Special Needs</u> by Susan Sandall and Ilene Schwartz (both at the University of Washington). To order see <a href="http://www.brookespublishing.com">www.brookespublishing.com</a>.</p>		
<b>Exploring Other Avenues for Funding after the Impact of Budget Cuts and Loss of Programs across the State</b>	<p>Presentation by Garrison Kurtz entitled, "Working with the Philanthropic Sector" covered such topics as how the philanthropic world functions, developing long term relationships with philanthropic foundation members, and preparing grant proposals. Key recommendations include having a package ready for funders before it's requested; preparing financial statements in a business format (rather than govt format); join groups and participate in activities where philanthropists are; and develop a long term plan.</p>		Garrison recommends developing strategic plans that address the specific mission and goals of your organization, rather than simply chasing funding to survive.
<b>"Understanding Family Friend</b>	<p>Presentation by Sharon Doyle, Senior Researcher on the Family, Friends and Neighbors (FFN) project at the Human Services Policy Center. Included highlights of</p>	The purpose of this study was to better understand FFN care and	

<b>and Neighbor (FFN) care in Washington State”</b>	the study, components of the questionnaire, how they recruited for the focus group, and findings of the study. The report highlights are available on their web site at <a href="http://hspc.org">http://hspc.org</a> . NACCRRRA has details for developing an agreement for FFN caregivers and parents. See <a href="http://childcareaware.org/en/dailyparent/0497/">http://childcareaware.org/en/dailyparent/0497/</a>	develop ideas for improving it. Identifying the FFN caregivers is a major obstacle.	
	Break for lunch. Some attendees left at this point.		
<b>Restructuring of the Child Care Coordinating Committee (4 C's) and its subcommittees</b>	Discussion of the restructuring proposal from the 4 C's. It is proposed that the subcommittees be combined into 4 main units: Finance Reform, Infrastructure, Early Care and Education, and Workforce Development. Discussion on whether to have Inclusive Child Care Subcommittee merge with Infrastructure or remain as a standalone. We could brainstorm for shared issues for combined meetings.	Members want to keep Inclusive CC as its own subcommittee with no additional hoops to jump through. Would not want Infrastructure to do overall coordination, but be a place to bring overlapping issues.	4 C's needs an action plan with long term goals and intermediate steps. Need to accomplish rather than just do outreach.

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<b>Examining Role of Inclusive CC Subcommittee (related to restructuring proposal above)</b>	Discussed upcoming joint meeting with Health & Safety Subcommittee. Possibly meet once a year with Laura, Mike, Sonja and Rachael, or Nancy to update Rachael through staff meetings.	Nancy to determine Rachael's (and other's) expectations for 4 C's and Incl CC Subcommittee.	
<b>Ways to Increase Inclusion of Children with Special Needs</b>	Possibly do a decision package around consultations for children with special needs. State could do a pilot project for parents who are not eligible for the state subsidy.		Nancy to include special needs in statement of work for Recruitment & Retention.
<b>Scheduling Upcoming Meetings</b>	May 10 – Action Plan, Insurance & Family CC June 14 – Plan for joint mtg with Health & Safety (Sep) and Oregon Inclusive Child Care Committee (Oct or Nov) July – no meeting, skipping this month and doing August instead. Aug 9 – planning mtg Sep 13 – combined mtg with Health & Safety: Children with Special Medical Needs and Children's Mental Health/Behavior Issues/ Services Oct 11 - ? Late Oct/Early Nov – combined mtg with Oregon Inclusive CC Subcommittee. Dec – may schedule a meeting, though we typically don't meet in Dec.	Invite Darcy Hupf, NW Child, to possibly speak on after school program and school age inclusion. Possibly invite Jean Bombadeer of City of Seattle to join discussion of the special needs rate. Possibly hold September meeting at Kinderling Center.	Debbie to invite Mike Casperzack (sp?) to May meeting or bring him info. Laura to invite Family CC Assn to discuss insurance in May.
<b>Impact of Loss of Healthy Child Care Washington (HCCW) Initiative</b>	Debbie Lee handed out the Final Report for Healthy Child Care Washington (HCCW) Initiative. There are large numbers of placements for children with special needs. Following the termination of this program, CC Health consults only for infants/toddlers. Loss of Liaison position at the Child Care Resource & Referral Network. Concern that providers will be less likely to take children with special needs. DOH loses credibility in communities.	Need to promote HCCW. Repackage it so all levels can see benefits.	Debbie to call Maureen Mould in Yakima and LHJ contacts. Laura to call Linda Tyler Murray.
<b>Young Children and Mental Health</b>	Tory reported on the State Interagency Coordinating Committee for Infants and Young Children with Disabilities and their Families. Discussed a public school mandate for zero to three. Priorities are stabilized funding for early intervention, and infant mental health.		Infant Mental Health summit on April 17

Minute taken by: Linda Thomas, Child Care Resource & Referral Network